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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

David Nhu

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 31 August 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-27 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 14-26 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 27 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-13 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

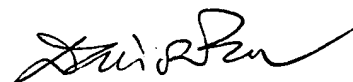
Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.



Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTIONS

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election of Group I (Claims 1-13, 27) is acknowledge.

Claims 1-13, 27 are remained for examination. Accordingly, claims 14-26 are canceled/withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention.

See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Specifications

2. title "SYSTEM FOR ULTRAVIOLET ATMOSHPERIC SEED LAYER REMEDIATION", the "atmoshperic" should be –atmospheric–

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-13 are rejected under U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over Background of Invention (BOI) in view of Schenck (4,317,041).

Regarding claims 1, BOI, (see figure 1, pages 2-6), teach a semiconductor processing module comprising: a housing adapted to enclose a semiconductor wafer 102

It is noted that BOI fails to teach an ultraviolet radiation (UV) source disposed within the housing; and a treatment medium disposed within the housing.

However, Schenck, (see col. 33, lines 46-67, col. 34, lines 1-67)), teach an ultraviolet radiation (UV) source disposed within the housing; and a treatment medium disposed within the housing.

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Regarding claim 2, Schenck, see col. 9, lines 1-8, teaches the UV source comprises an UV lamp.

Regarding claim 3, Schenck, see col. 1, lines 42-50, teaches the treatment medium comprises ambient air.

Regarding claims 4, 5, Schenck, see col. 5, lines 50-55, teaches the treatment medium comprises oxygen, ozone.

Regarding claims 5-13, Schenck, see col. 5, lines 50-67, col. 6, lines 1-67.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time of the present invention to apply the teachings of Schenck into the method of BOI as both are related to the same subject matter of applying an UV and a treatment medium disposed within the housing in an apparatus to remediate seed layer surface during fabricating a semiconductor device.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claim 27 is allowed.

Conclusion

5. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure: Kelada'735, Sitte'420, Schenck'383 are cited as of interest.

6. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expired 3 (three) months and 0 (zero) day from the date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will cause the application to become abandoned (see 710.02 (b)).

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication on earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Nhu, (571)272-1792. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 7:30 AM to 5:00 PM. The examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571)272-1787.

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The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)273-1792.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956

David Nhu



September 26, 2004